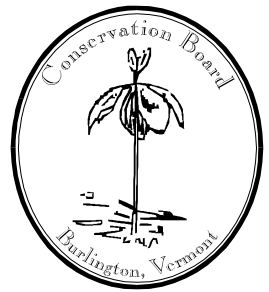


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TO: Conservation Board
FROM: Scott Gustin
DATE: December 7, 2020
RE: Open Space Addendum Funding Request

The Conservation Board is pursuing creation of an addendum to the city's Open Space Protection Plan that focusses on our natural areas and opportunities for nature based solutions to the climate crisis.

Members of the Conservation Board met with the Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront Commission on August 4, 2020 seeking support to move ahead with the addendum. The Commission voted in support of the Open Space Addendum.

September 2, 2020, a request for proposals was posted seeking professional consulting services in the development of the Open Space Addendum. Following review of the proposals submitted, the Open Space Subcommittee selected the proposal by Resilience Planning & Design, LLC at their November 2, 2020 meeting. The Conservation Board voted in support of that selection at their November 2, 2020 meeting.

The Resilience Planning & Design, LLC proposal includes a total budget of \$24,714.

As for the 2014 update of the Open Space Protection Plan, funding for this Addendum is to come from the city's Conservation Legacy Fund. As such, a joint recommendation from the Conservation Board and the Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront Commission to the City Council is required.

The Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront Commission voted November 4, 2020 to recommend approval for expenditure of up to \$25,000 from Conservation Legacy Fund monies to be paid to Resilience Planning & Design, LLC for their work on the Open Space Addendum. A recommendation for such expenditure is needed from the Conservation Board before then moving to the City Council.

Consultant services are expected to start December, 2020 and run through June, 2021 and, in a collaborative effort with the Conservation Board, will include research and analysis, public outreach, and creation of the Addendum for consideration and adoption by the City Council.